

*WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE DINNER held Thursday, February 23, 2017, at Harry Browne's Restaurant in Annapolis, for the purpose of discussing the status of the City's legislative priorities and other legislative matters.*

*Mayor Jordan began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Karen Ruff, City Solicitor.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: State Senator Paul Pinsky; State Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington; and County Councilmember Todd Turner. County School Board Representative Lupi Grady was unable to attend.*

*Mayor Jordan welcomed the legislators. He said the purpose of the gathering was for the City to receive an update on the status of pending legislation, including the priorities presented at the December legislative dinner.*

*The following City priority issues were reviewed.*

#### *SUPPORT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN GREENBELT:*

*The Senator and Delegates reiterated their strong support for the Greenbelt location.*

*Mayor Jordan stated that the GSA was expected to make an announcement in March. There was discussion of the recent GSA public forums and the increased parking requirements and that structured parking was very expensive.*

*There was discussion that a number of stakeholders such as Capital Office Park, Beltway Plaza and Franklin Park were waiting for the announcement. There was discussion of what should happen at the site if the FBI does not come to Greenbelt. Senator Pinsky suggested a mixed-use, transit-oriented development.*

#### *GREENBELT ROAD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS:*

*Mayor Jordan stressed the importance of this project especially if the FBI comes to Greenbelt. He expressed the desire to make this road a complete street with better bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, street trees, etc.*

*Delegate Gaines stated the Transportation Trust fund was very constrained and that it could not support this project.*

*Council Member Turner suggested the City pursue a Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) grant through MWCOG. Mayor Jordan indicated that TLC funding was usually for smaller amounts.*

#### *UPDATE ON GREENBELT LAKE DAM PROJECT*

*Mayor Jordan reported that the City has requested an extension of the Consent Order from the*

*Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). He indicated the remaining phases of the project were expected to cost \$1.4 million and State assistance would be necessary.*

*YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU (CARES) FUNDING:*

*Delegate Gaines believed that the Youth Services Bureaus would be funded for FY 18, but that the bills would probably not pass.*

*CHILDREN LIVING IN GREENBELT STATION SHOULD ATTEND GREENBELT SCHOOLS:*

*Council Member Turner reported he had met with Dr. Maxwell and that his position remained that he could not guarantee that any student in a municipality could attend school in that municipality.*

*Ms. Mach stressed that this matter needed to be resolved and stated she will continue to advocate for this change at every opportunity.*

*Other Items*

*Movie Theater Liquor Licenses (SB 995/HB 1266):* *Delegate Washington indicated this bill would come before the Delegation's Law Enforcement Subcommittee which he chairs. He believed the bill would need to be amended.*

*Law Enforcement and Government Trust Act (SB 835/HB 1362):* *Members of the Delegation expressed their support for this legislation.*

*City Supported Legislation*

*Council noted their support of the following bills.*

*PG 422: Authority for Prince George's to Prohibit Disposable Bags*  
*HB 1187/SB 784: Youth Service Bureau – Budget Appropriation*  
*HB 36/SB 302: Electric Vehicle – Reserved Parking Spaces*  
*SB 142/HB 192: Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety*  
*HB 172/SB 728: Home Act of 2017*  
*SB 397/HB 1433: Local Income Tax Overpayments – Forgiveness*  
*SB 422/HB 602: Keep Antibiotics Effective Act of 2017*

*The legislators thanked the City for its hospitality. Council thanked the legislators for attending.*

*The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*David E. Moran  
Assistant City Manager*